



Millard Fillmore Presidential \$1 Coin Launches in Moravia, New York

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MORAVIA, N.Y. — The United States Mint today released into circulation the newest Presidential \$1 Coin. The coin bears the portrait of the Nation's 13th President, Millard Fillmore. United States Mint Deputy Director Andy Brunhart officially introduced the coin in a ceremony in Moravia, New York, at Moravia Central School.

"Each new Presidential \$1 Coin is an opportunity to learn the stories of men like Millard Fillmore, who served in our Nation's highest office," said Deputy Director Brunhart.

The ceremony, co-hosted by the United States Mint and the Cayuga-Owasco Lakes Historical Society, included participation by local school children who received the new coin. The coin is the 13th release in the United States Mint Presidential \$1 Coin Program. The coin's obverse (heads side) features the bold portrait of former President Fillmore by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart. The coin's reverse (tails side), also by Everhart, features a dramatic rendition of the Statue of Liberty. Inscriptions on the reverse are \$1 and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, with E PLURIBUS UNUM, 2010, the mint mark (P or D) and 13 stars appearing on the edge of the coin.

The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 directed that the Nation honor its Presidents by issuing four Presidential \$1 Coins each year beginning in 2007. The coins are issued in the order that the Presidents served in office. The other Presidents to be honored in 2010 are Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln.

Millard Fillmore was born in Locke (now Summerhill), New York, on January 7, 1800. Fillmore, a lawyer, entered politics in 1828, first in the New York State Assembly and later in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he chaired the powerful Committee on Ways and Means. He was elected to serve as President Zachary Taylor's vice president in 1848, and upon Taylor's death in July 1850, Fillmore became President. Fillmore made two unsuccessful attempts to be elected to the presidency in his own right. He retired to Buffalo, New York, and in 1862 was named the first chancellor of the University of Buffalo, now the State University of New York at Buffalo. Fillmore died in Buffalo on March 8, 1874.

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To view and download high-resolution images of the Millard Fillmore Presidential \$1 Coin, go to: </coins/coin-medal-programs/presidential-dollar-coin/millard-fillmore>. Lesson plans are available for download at <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/>.

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